Transferring the subject providing Government Quarters

1706. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to transfer the subject of providing Government quarters to Government employees to the Department of Personnel and Training; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

Standard construction document to Manage construction project

1707. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a suggestion has been made by a national conference held in New Delhi during the last month that a standard contract document by drawn up expeditiously to manage construction projects efficiently and weed out corruption in mega-projects;

(b) what other suggestions were made by this Conference; and

(c) the follow-up action being taken thereon by Government particularly for drawing up of a standard building contract?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) The national conference on management of cost, efficiency and quality in construction was organised by National Institute of Construction Management and Research, in collaboration with Planning Commission on July 6-8, 1994. The recommendations of the conference have not been received.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Restructuring of the poverty alleviation programmes

1708. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been prepared for restructuring the existing poverty alleviation programmes including the Nehru Rozgar Yojana and scheme of urban basic services for the poor;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the result of the existing poverty alleviation programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) No such scheme has yet been prepared. However, a draft note prepared by the Ministry on Integrated Urban Poverty Alleviation Programme was discussed in the All India Meeting of State Secretaries incharge of Urban Development, Housing, Water Supply and Local Self Government held on 15-16th July, 1994 at New Delhi. Based on the discussions in that meeting, a package for restructuring of urban poverty alleviation programmes is at present in its preliminary stage of preparation and no definite details have yet been finalised.

(c) As on 30th June, 1994 the progress made under the two Centrally sponsored programmes of (i) Nehru Rozgar Yojana and (ii) Scheme of Urban Basic Services for the Poor being administered by the Ministry is as under:—

NEHRU ROZGAR YOJANA (NRY): 5.82 lakhs urban poor have been assisted under Scheme of Urban Micro Enterprises (SUME) to set-up self

employment ventures. Under Scheme of Urban Wage Employment (SUWE), and Scheme of Housing & Shelter Upgradation (SHASU) 496.77 lakh mandays of work have been generated under the existing NRY.

URBAN BASIC SERVICES FOR THE POOR (UBSP): 3409 Neighbourhood Development Committees comprising primarily of urban poor women have been set up in around 280 towns taken up for provision of basic services all over the country. This represents community based structures covering around 42.02 lakh low income women and children. 2779 mini plans have already been prepared and 460 Community Organisers are in the field working as Catalysts for enriching community participation. To strengthen the quality of implementation and streamlining planning, based on needs, State Traiing Institutes have been operationlised in 14 States alongwith 14 Field Training Institutes. Two National Institutes namely National Institute of Urban Affairs, Delhi and Regional Centre for Environmental and Urban Studies, Hyderabad have also been strengthened to provide operational support to states.

Allotment of Government accommodation on compassionate grounds

1709. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision not to uproot the allottees of Government accommodation who were allotted the same on compassionate or other grounds; and

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) The allotment of General Pool Residential Accommodation, whether made on compassionate or other grounds, subsists as long as the allottee remains eligible for such accommodation in accordance with the provisions contained in the Allotment of Government Residences (General Pool in Delhi) Rules, 1963. Certain allotments made to special categories such as Artists, Freedom Fighters etc., subsist for the specified period of allotment and the licence is revoked only after allowing one month's notice, after expiry of the stipulated period of allotment. Hence, there is no question of uprooting the allottees who have been allotted Government accommodation on compassionate or other grounds unless a person has become ineligible to hold the accommodation.

Allotment of quarters to widows of erstwhile leaders

1710. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have not yet taken action to protect the allotment of quarters given to some widows of erstwhile leaders in New Delhi area;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to take concrete steps to protect these allottees; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (d) Some of the widows of the erstwhile leaders have been allotted Govt. accommodation in Delhi for their life time. Each of such cases has been considered on merits. No specific guidelines have been laid down for dealing with such requests.

Recently, it has been decided that after the demise of a freedom fighter, the widow would be allowed